

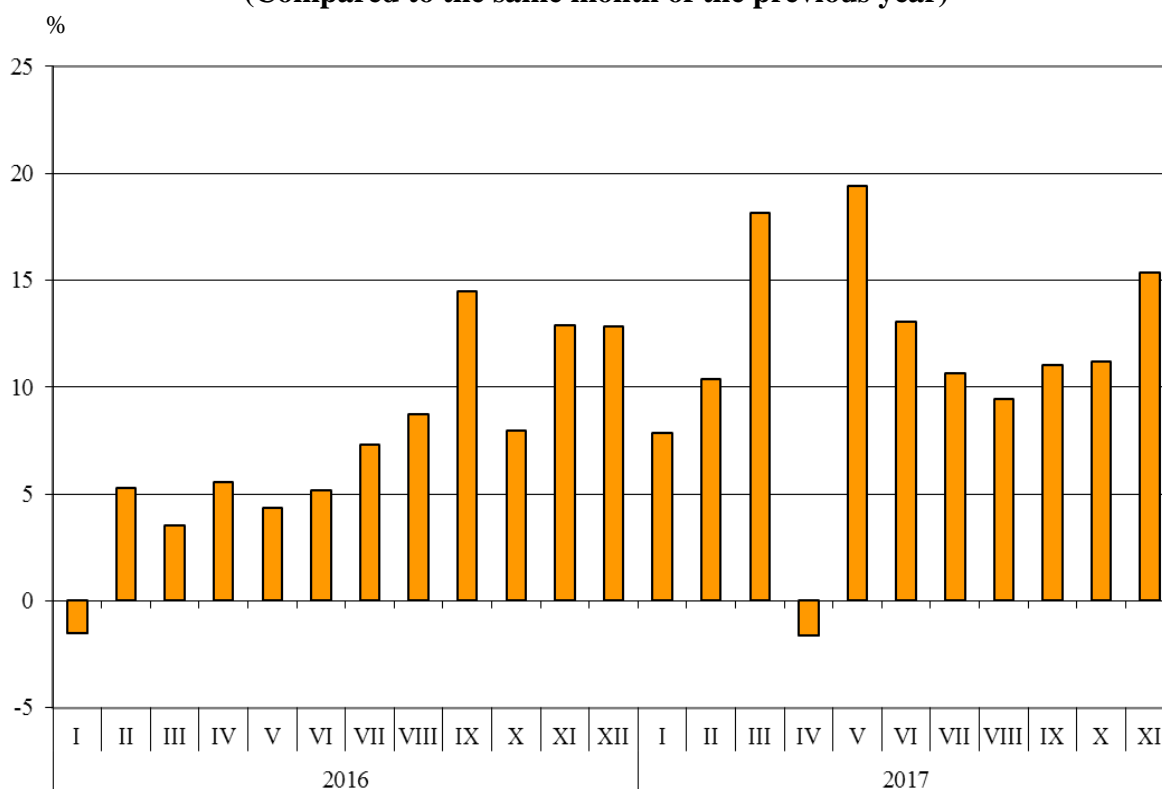


BULGARIAN TRADE WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - November 2017** Bulgarian exports to the EU increased by 11.4% compared to the same period of 2016 and added up to 31 979.9 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 67.5% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In November **2017** the exports to the EU grew by 15.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 210.6 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of Bulgaria to EU in the period 2016 - 2017
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - November 2017** compared to the corresponding period of the previous year the largest growths in the exports of Bulgaria to the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** (Annex, Table 4) were recorded in the sections 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material'² (25.2%) and 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes'(21.3%). The most notable fall was recorded in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (13.7%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

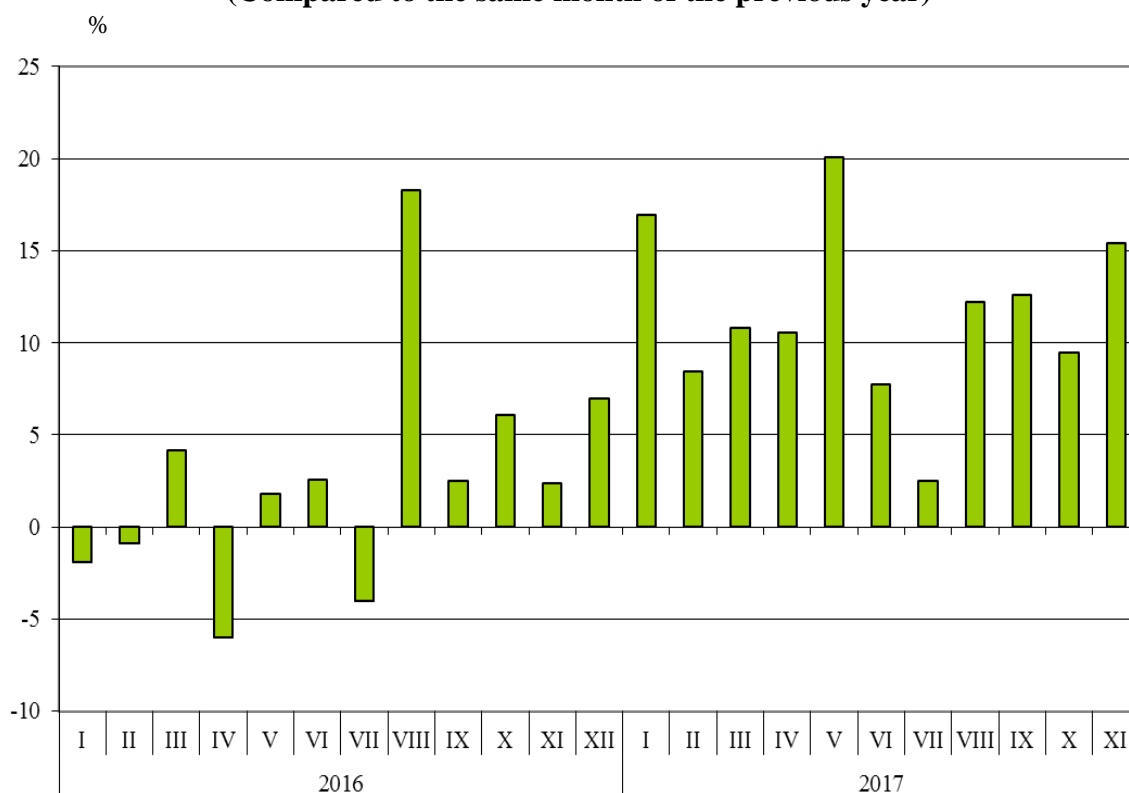
²The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products; non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.; iron and steel; non-ferrous metals.



Bulgarian **imports from the EU** in the period **January - November 2017** increased by 11.4% compared to the same period of 2016 and added up to 34 436.6 Million BGN at CIF prices (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Spain and Greece (Annex, Table 3).

In November **2017** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 15.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 597.9 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of Bulgaria from EU in the period 2016 - 2017
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - November 2017** compared to the corresponding period of 2016 the largest growths in the imports from the EU distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification** were reported in the sections ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’² (45.5%) and ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (36.1%) while the largest fall was observed in section ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (3.9%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in the period **January - November 2017** was negative and added up to 2 456.7 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1). At FOB/FOB prices (after elimination of transport and insurance costs on imports) the trade balance was also negative and amounted to 349.0 Million BGN.

¹Value changes at current prices.

²The section includes following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January – November 2016 and 2017¹ by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB ²		
	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU
I.2016	3411.3	2261.2	1150.1	3501.5	2267.8	1233.7	3271.4	2121.9	1149.5	-90.2	-6.6	-83.6	139.9	139.3	0.6
II.2016	3471.9	2286.8	1185.1	3850.2	2601.3	1248.9	3613.4	2453.9	1159.5	-378.3	-314.5	-63.8	-141.5	-167.1	25.6
III.2016	3665.4	2507.8	1157.6	4237.1	3005.8	1231.3	3971.8	2825.6	1146.2	-571.7	-498.0	-73.7	-306.4	-317.8	11.4
I - III.2016	10548.6	7055.8	3492.8	11588.8	7874.9	3713.9	10856.6	7401.4	3455.2	-1040.2	-819.1	-221.1	-308.0	-345.6	37.6
IV.2016	3744.0	2537.4	1206.6	4021.8	2694.4	1327.4	3782.7	2547.3	1235.4	-277.8	-157.0	-120.8	-38.7	-9.9	-28.8
V.2016	3618.9	2397.6	1221.3	4096.9	2629.0	1467.9	3844.0	2481.4	1362.6	-478.0	-231.4	-246.6	-225.1	-83.8	-141.3
VI.2016	4068.4	2695.3	1373.1	4318.7	2902.4	1416.3	4050.8	2733.3	1317.5	-250.3	-207.1	-43.2	17.6	-38.0	55.6
IV - VI.2016	11431.3	7630.3	3801.0	12437.4	8225.8	4211.6	11677.5	7762.0	3915.5	-1006.1	-595.5	-410.6	-246.2	-131.7	-114.5
I - VI.2016	21979.9	14686.1	7293.8	24026.2	16100.7	7925.5	22534.1	15163.4	7370.7	-2046.3	-1414.6	-631.7	-554.2	-477.3	-76.9
VII.2016	4192.5	2821.3	1371.2	4344.2	2924.1	1420.1	4062.8	2746.7	1316.1	-151.7	-102.8	-48.9	129.7	74.6	55.1
VIII.2016	4024.8	2679.7	1345.1	4442.1	2787.3	1654.8	4140.6	2613.3	1527.3	-417.3	-107.6	-309.7	-115.8	66.4	-182.2
IX.2016	4170.7	2843.7	1327.0	4180.3	2742.0	1438.3	3917.9	2587.1	1330.8	-9.6	101.7	-111.3	252.8	256.6	-3.8
VII - IX.2016	12388.0	8344.7	4043.3	12966.6	8453.4	4513.2	12121.3	7947.1	4174.2	-578.6	-108.7	-469.9	266.7	397.6	-130.9
I - IX.2016	34367.9	23030.8	11337.1	36992.8	24554.1	12438.7	34655.4	23110.5	11544.9	-2624.9	-1523.3	-1101.6	-287.5	-79.7	-207.8
X.2016	4303.9	2901.8	1402.1	4831.3	3252.1	1579.2	4517.7	3042.3	1475.4	-527.4	-350.3	-177.1	-213.8	-140.5	-73.3
XI.2016	4370.5	2783.9	1586.6	4737.6	3117.7	1619.9	4439.2	2937.4	1501.8	-367.1	-333.8	-33.3	-68.7	-153.5	84.8
I - XI.2016	43042.3	28716.5	14325.8	46561.7	30923.9	15637.8	43612.3	29090.2	14522.1	-3519.4	-2207.4	-1312.0	-570.0	-373.7	-196.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th of February 2018.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.



Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January – November 2016 and 2017¹ by months

(Continued and end)

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF			Trade balance - FOB/FOB ²		
	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU
I.2017	3750.5	2438.4	1312.1	4229.8	2652.0	1577.8	3944.2	2480.4	1463.8	-479.3	-213.6	-265.7	-193.7	-42.0	-151.7
II.2017	4044.5	2524.3	1520.2	4428.3	2820.2	1608.1	4134.9	2646.6	1488.3	-383.8	-295.9	-87.9	-90.4	-122.3	31.9
III.2017	4373.6	2962.3	1411.3	5306.0	3329.7	1976.3	4973.5	3135.8	1837.7	-932.4	-367.4	-565.0	-599.9	-173.5	-426.4
I - III.2017	12168.6	7925.0	4243.6	13964.1	8801.9	5162.2	13052.6	8262.8	4789.8	-1795.5	-876.9	-918.6	-884.0	-337.8	-546.2
IV.2017	3906.5	2496.4	1410.1	4684.7	2978.0	1706.7	4385.8	2792.5	1593.3	-778.2	-481.6	-296.6	-479.3	-296.1	-183.2
V.2017	4458.5	2862.4	1596.1	4938.8	3156.6	1782.2	4628.3	2968.5	1659.8	-480.3	-294.2	-186.1	-169.8	-106.1	-63.7
VI.2017	4619.5	3047.0	1572.5	4906.4	3127.5	1778.9	4598.3	2942.7	1655.6	-286.9	-80.5	-206.4	21.2	104.3	-83.1
IV - VI.2017	12984.5	8405.8	4578.7	14529.9	9262.1	5267.8	13612.4	8703.7	4908.7	-1545.4	-856.3	-689.1	-627.9	-297.9	-330.0
I - VI.2017	25153.1	16330.8	8822.3	28494.0	18064.0	10430.0	26665.0	16966.5	9698.5	-3340.9	-1733.2	-1607.7	-1511.9	-635.7	-876.2
VII.2017	4604.1	3121.8	1482.3	4703.6	2997.8	1705.8	4414.7	2823.1	1591.6	-99.5	124.0	-223.5	189.4	298.7	-109.3
VIII.2017	4322.5	2933.3	1389.2	4925.3	3128.4	1796.9	4589.1	2918.8	1670.3	-602.8	-195.1	-407.7	-266.6	14.5	-281.1
IX.2017	4506.1	3156.9	1349.2	4707.2	3087.9	1619.3	4401.1	2907.2	1493.9	-201.1	69.0	-270.1	105.0	249.7	-144.7
VII - IX.2017	13432.7	9212.0	4220.7	14336.1	9214.1	5122.0	13404.9	8649.1	4755.8	-903.4	-2.1	-901.3	27.8	562.9	-535.1
I - IX.2017	38585.8	25542.8	13043.0	42830.1	27278.1	15552.0	40069.9	25615.6	14454.3	-4244.3	-1735.3	-2509.0	-1484.1	-72.8	-1411.3
X.2017	4945.9	3226.5	1719.4	5452.9	3560.6	1892.3	5090.6	3337.2	1753.4	-507.0	-334.1	-172.9	-144.7	-110.7	-34.0
XI.2017	4596.3	3210.6	1385.7	5476.1	3597.9	1878.2	5128.2	3376.1	1752.1	-879.8	-387.3	-492.5	-531.9	-165.5	-366.4
I - XI.2017	48128.0	31979.9	16148.1	53759.1	34436.6	19322.5	50288.7	32328.9	17959.8	-5631.1	-2456.7	-3174.4	-2160.7	-349.0	-1811.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th of February 2018.

² By data of BNB for the transport costs.

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - November
2017¹ compared to the same period of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Imports - FOB		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I	9.9	7.8	14.1	20.8	16.9	27.9	20.6	16.9	27.3
II	16.5	10.4	28.3	15.0	8.4	28.8	14.4	7.9	28.4
III	19.3	18.1	21.9	25.2	10.8	60.5	25.2	11.0	60.3
I - III	15.4	12.3	21.5	20.5	11.8	39.0	20.2	11.6	38.6
IV	4.3	-1.6	16.9	16.5	10.5	28.6	15.9	9.6	29.0
V	23.2	19.4	30.7	20.5	20.1	21.4	20.4	19.6	21.8
VI	13.5	13.0	14.5	13.6	7.8	25.6	13.5	7.7	25.7
IV - VI	13.6	10.2	20.5	16.8	12.6	25.1	16.6	12.1	25.4
I - VI	14.4	11.2	21.0	18.6	12.2	31.6	18.3	11.9	31.6
VII	9.8	10.7	8.1	8.3	2.5	20.1	8.7	2.8	20.9
VIII	7.4	9.5	3.3	10.9	12.2	8.6	10.8	11.7	9.4
IX	8.0	11.0	1.7	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.3	12.4	12.3
VII - IX	8.4	10.4	4.4	10.6	9.0	13.5	10.6	8.8	13.9
I - IX	12.3	10.9	15.0	15.8	11.1	25.0	15.6	10.8	25.2
X	14.9	11.2	22.6	12.9	9.5	19.8	12.7	9.7	18.8
XI	5.2	15.3	-12.7	15.6	15.4	15.9	15.5	14.9	16.7
I - XI	11.8	11.4	12.7	15.5	11.4	23.6	15.3	11.1	23.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 9-th February 2018.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - November 2016 and 2017²

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	43042.3	48128.0	11.8	46561.7	53759.1	15.5	-3519.4	-5631.1
EU	28716.5	31979.9	11.4	30923.9	34436.6	11.4	-2207.4	-2456.7
Austria	833.9	892.6	7.0	1295.6	1307.1	0.9	-461.7	-414.5
Belgium	1122.2	1915.6	70.7	1092.0	1151.6	5.5	30.2	764.0
Croatia	196.7	208.8	6.2	112.7	138.1	22.5	84.0	70.7
Cyprus	142.4	146.5	2.9	51.9	177.2	241.4	90.5	-30.7
Czech Republic	716.0	979.5	36.8	983.7	1207.1	22.7	-267.7	-227.6
Denmark	259.1	289.1	11.6	216.0	247.6	14.6	43.1	41.5
Estonia	38.7	44.2	14.2	27.3	54.7	100.4	11.4	-10.5
Finland	69.7	80.5	15.5	125.0	116.9	-6.5	-55.3	-36.4
France	1936.4	1983.2	2.4	1463.1	1554.9	6.3	473.3	428.3
Germany	5794.8	6601.5	13.9	6122.7	6617.1	8.1	-327.9	-15.6
Greece	2926.5	3087.6	5.5	2242.5	2370.6	5.7	684.0	717.0
Hungary	698.4	834.0	19.4	1770.9	1906.6	7.7	-1072.5	-1072.6
Ireland	60.2	84.2	39.9	171.7	201.2	17.2	-111.5	-117.0
Italy	3961.4	4034.8	1.9	3693.6	3924.0	6.2	267.8	110.8
Latvia	48.5	53.6	10.5	64.1	63.6	-0.8	-15.6	-10.0
Lithuania	100.1	129.7	29.6	91.7	82.6	-9.9	8.4	47.1
Luxembourg	10.8	16.8	55.6	155.4	169.3	8.9	-144.6	-152.5
Malta	71.5	33.3	-53.4	30.8	73.9	139.9	40.7	-40.6
Netherlands	1163.4	1202.4	3.4	1696.0	1971.8	16.3	-532.6	-769.4
Poland	1053.0	1129.3	7.2	1863.4	1969.3	5.7	-810.4	-840.0
Portugal	190.9	219.3	14.9	86.3	95.6	10.8	104.6	123.7
Romania	3768.2	3961.7	5.1	3192.6	3833.1	20.1	575.6	128.6
Slovakia	296.3	376.5	27.1	630.5	699.9	11.0	-334.2	-323.4
Slovenia	362.1	379.4	4.8	357.8	400.2	11.9	4.3	-20.8
Spain	1189.0	1405.4	18.2	1819.3	2750.8	51.2	-630.3	-1345.4
Sweden	320.2	396.6	23.9	298.3	348.9	17.0	21.9	47.7
United Kingdom	1063.2	1186.3	11.6	1100.5	857.7	-22.1	-37.3	328.6
Not specified	322.9	307.5	-4.8	168.5	145.2	-13.8	154.4	162.3

¹ Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.

- In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

² Data are preliminary as of 9-th February 2018.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria
in the period January - November 2016 and 2017²

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non EU countries	14325.8	16148.1	12.7	15637.8	19322.5	23.6	-1312.0	-3174.4
CIS³	1221.1	1914.9	56.8	5125.4	6275.9	22.4	-3904.3	-4361.0
of which:								
Kazakhstan	34.6	39.1	13.0	31.1	25.1	-19.3	3.5	14.0
Russian Federation	700.2	1350.4	92.9	4193.8	5245.8	25.1	-3493.6	-3895.4
Ukraine	258.5	251.5	-2.7	729.1	810.5	11.2	-470.6	-559.0
OECD⁴	4837.2	5142.1	6.3	4325.0	4940.5	14.2	512.2	201.6
of which:								
Canada	89.2	72.3	-18.9	86.3	113.4	31.4	2.9	-41.1
Israel	161.1	134.9	-16.3	90.5	90.4	-0.1	70.6	44.5
Japan	72.9	71.2	-2.3	170.5	187.4	9.9	-97.6	-116.2
Korea, Republic of	138.2	75.5	-45.4	205.3	204.6	-0.3	-67.1	-129.1
Turkey	3306.4	3719.5	12.5	2851.4	3408.6	19.5	455.0	310.9
United States	624.1	627.0	0.5	378.7	421.0	11.2	245.4	206.0
EFTA⁵	317.1	312.3	-1.5	399.8	431.7	8.0	-82.7	-119.4
of which:								
Norway	64.4	61.3	-4.8	41.7	57.2	37.2	22.7	4.1
Switzerland	249.8	248.5	-0.5	354.7	371.6	4.8	-104.9	-123.1

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³ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz Republic; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

⁴ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

⁵ EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria
in the period January - November 2016 and 2017²**

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	113.3	138.3	22.1	27.6	33.2	20.3	85.7	105.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	120.2	121.5	1.1	77.4	70.7	-8.7	42.8	50.8
Brazil	48.3	44.8	-7.2	45.0	34.6	-23.1	3.3	10.2
China	771.4	1129.4	46.4	1875.7	1999.3	6.6	-1104.3	-869.9
Egypt	484.5	589.4	21.7	589.7	1018.7	72.7	-105.2	-429.3
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	699.1	727.8	4.1	459.8	568.1	23.6	239.3	159.7
Georgia	292.8	255.8	-12.6	252.4	560.1	121.9	40.4	-304.3
India	156.8	184.2	17.5	212.9	253.0	18.8	-56.1	-68.8
Indonesia	61.5	41.1	-33.2	64.5	85.3	32.2	-3.0	-44.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	123.0	98.8	-19.7	45.1	99.8	121.3	77.9	-1.0
Peru	13.9	18.3	31.7	45.9	31.9	-30.5	-32.0	-13.6
Serbia	680.8	843.6	23.9	688.9	1076.8	56.3	-8.1	-233.2
Singapore	334.5	295.8	-11.6	47.5	62.8	32.2	287.0	233.0
South Africa	130.2	112.7	-13.4	34.6	57.6	66.5	95.6	55.1
Syrian Arab Republic	31.1	37.7	21.2	1.7	0.3	-82.4	29.4	37.4
Taiwan	45.9	45.8	-0.2	199.8	183.4	-8.2	-153.9	-137.6
United Arab Emirates	357.1	291.4	-18.4	40.4	50.7	25.5	316.7	240.7
Viet Nam	159.2	43.8	-72.5	74.0	80.7	9.1	85.2	-36.9

¹ Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.
- In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

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**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - November 2016 and 2017¹**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2016	2017
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	43042.3	48128.0	11.8	46561.7	53759.1	15.5	-3519.4	-5631.1
of which EU	28716.5	31979.9	11.4	30923.9	34436.6	11.4	-2207.4	-2456.7
Food and live animals	4942.0	5089.3	3.0	3765.0	4209.1	11.8	1177.0	880.2
of which EU	3458.9	3814.1	10.3	3005.6	3447.6	14.7	453.3	366.5
Beverages and tobacco	723.5	658.7	-9.0	723.8	728.1	0.6	-0.3	-69.4
of which EU	337.9	291.5	-13.7	586.2	573.5	-2.2	-248.3	-282.0
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2930.0	3032.4	3.5	3285.5	4785.9	45.7	-355.5	-1753.5
of which EU	1992.6	2045.2	2.6	1877.9	2732.8	45.5	114.7	-687.6
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3779.4	3758.2	-0.6	5684.6	7521.2	32.3	-1905.2	-3763.0
of which EU	1062.9	1272.0	19.7	1179.3	1604.6	36.1	-116.4	-332.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	441.0	513.8	16.5	164.1	180.3	9.9	276.9	333.5
of which EU	288.7	350.2	21.3	120.2	115.5	-3.9	168.5	234.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	4329.6	4820.7	11.3	6995.9	7763.2	11.0	-2666.3	-2942.5
of which EU	2884.4	3131.5	8.6	5517.1	6068.4	10.0	-2632.7	-2936.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	8740.9	11545.0	32.1	8481.5	9335.2	10.1	259.4	2209.8
of which EU	6065.3	7592.6	25.2	5401.6	5423.4	0.4	663.7	2169.2
Machinery and transport equipment	9348.2	10415.8	11.4	12997.4	14367.2	10.5	-3649.2	-3951.4
of which EU	6821.6	7694.4	12.8	10047.4	11032.4	9.8	-3225.8	-3338.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	7691.6	8161.8	6.1	4190.5	4578.2	9.3	3501.1	3583.6
of which EU	5723.7	5686.4	-0.7	2957.2	3180.3	7.5	2766.5	2506.1
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	116.1	132.3	14.0	273.4	290.7	6.3	-157.3	-158.4
of which EU	80.5	102.0	26.7	231.4	258.1	11.5	-150.9	-156.1

¹Data are preliminary as of 9-th February 2018.